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SUBJECT: COCOM: DISCUSSIONS WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE
OFFICIALS

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
BARRACLOUGH MADE STRONG DEMARCHE OCTOBER 21 ON COCDM
ISSUES TO BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS (DARON/
DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET AND VERMER/BELGIAN REP AT
OCTOBER COCOM SESSION). BARRACLOUGH STRESSED THAT
BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND UNANIMITY RULE IN CONNECTION
WITH OBSOLESCENCE INITIATIVE TABLED IN PARIS WAS REGARDED
WITH SERIOUS CONCERN AT POLICY LEVEL IN WASHINGTON. USG
IS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT DEPARTURE FROM UNANIMITY RULE
COULD SET UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COCOM ACTIVI-
TIES, AND COULD CONCEIVABLY ENDANGER ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF
THE ORGANIZATION.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED BARRACLOUGH'S
PRESENTATION, GOB (VERMER CARRYING THE BALL), REITERATED
THAT GOB OBJECTIVE IN PRESENTING ITS OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL
WAS SIMPLY TO IMPROVE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF COCOM, AN
OBJECTIVE BARRACLOUGH SHARED. GOB DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
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INTRODUCTION OF MAJORITY VOTING ON OBSOLESCENCE PROPOSAL
WOULD SET PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COCOM ACTIVITIES. TO ALLAY
US FEARS, BELGIANS EVEN SUGGESTED THAT MAJORITY VOTING
ON OBSOLESCENCE ISSUES COULD BE TRIED OUT ON TEMPORARY
BASIS. BARRACLOUGH MADE CERTAIN THAT DARON AND VERMER
WERE AWARE THAT USG DID NOT SHARE THEIR VIEW THAT THIS WAS
THE PREFERRED WAY TO IMPROVE COCOM PERFORMANCE. OLSEN

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